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- 1. PARLIAMENTARY PETITIONS COMMITTEE RECENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT GNZ FAVORABLY CONSIDER PETITION FILED BY CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND) CALLING FOR MAINTENANCE OF BAN ON NPW VISITS, BAN ON VISITS BY VESSELS/AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND URGENT ACTION TO ESTABLISH SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE (SPNFZ).
- 2. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S QUERY, MFA DEFENSE DIVISION
 HEAD ATKINS NOTED PM ROWLING HAD ALREADY INFORMED CND THAT
 TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IT HAD NEVER BEEN FORMALLY DECLARED GNZ
 POLICY THAT NPW'S SHOULD BE DENIED ACCESS TO NZ PORTS IN
 ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT GNZ IS REVIEWING ITS POLICY
 ON THE SUBJECT; THAT GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BAN VISITS OF
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ALL VESSELS/AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

AND THAT GNZ WAS PURSUING SPNFZ (WELLINGTON 2805).

3. AS FOR PETITION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ATKINS EXPECTED THEY WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO CABINET COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, WHICH WOULD ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR A REPORT. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT IN DUE COURSE CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD BE REPORTING BACK TO PARLIAMENT REGARDING THE MATTER. (NOTE: PARLIAMENT RECESSES OCT. 10 AND PROBABLY WILL NOT RECONVENE UNTIL NEXT FEBRUARY.)

4. COMMENT: THE PETITION COMMITTEE'S ACTION DOES NOT BASICALLY CHANGE STATE-OF-PLAY REGARDING NPWS AND SPNFZ, BUT IT DOES TEND TO ADD RESPECTABILITY TO THE UNRELENTING EFFORTS OF THE SMALL BUT ENERGETIC CND. SELDEN

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